GROTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

August 8, 2009

Chairman Bruce Easom called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. on Pacer Way at the trail entrance to the Eliades Conservation Area. Members Wayne Addy, Craig Auman, Marshall Giguere, Ryan Lambert, and David Pitkin were present. Member Peter Morrison was absent. The farmer who has submitted a proposal to hay the parcel, Roy MacGregor, was also present, as well as Conservation Administrator Barbara Ganem.

The meeting was preceded by a site walk through the field area off Pacer Way of the Eliades Conservation Area. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the extent of the parcel that would be hayed as part of the license agreement. The walk was to identify the bounds and review areas where it is difficult to get equipment in for haying. The detention basins will be excluded. The frequency of haying was also discussed, and Mr. MacGregor indicated it may take 2 or 3 hayings a year to get the goldenrod and milkweed under control. He would plan to do the first haying as soon as it quits raining and the license is signed. Upon a motion by M. Giguere, seconded by D. Pitkin, it was

VOTED: to accept the haying delineation drawn on an aerial view of the Eliades Conservation Area and signed and dated August 8, 2009 by Roy MacGregor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara V. Ganem Conservation Administrator

Approved as drafted 9/22/09.